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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER

- 1. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER AND HIS PARTY STOPPED OVER IN COPENHAGEN ENROUTE FROM MOSCOW TO WASHINGTON. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND TO OBTAIN HIS FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE SOVIET TRIP.
- 2. FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS K.B.ANDERSEN OFFERED A SPECIAL LUNCH IN HONOR OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS BURGER AND THEIR PARTY WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY KEY FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS AND A SUPREME COURT JUDGE.
- 3. IN THE EVENING THE CHIEF JUSTICE MET AT MY HOUSE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ORLA MOLLER, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER AAGE BOHR, AND OTHER LEADING DANES. THE TWO EVENTS GAVE CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER A CHANCE TO MEET A CROSS-SECTION OF DENMARK'S OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, SCIENTIFIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS.
- 4. ON BOTH OCCASIONS, CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER WAS ELEQUENT IN DESCRIBING HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE RECOUNTED FOR THE DANES HOW HE HAD EXPLAINED TO SOVIETS THE COMPARISON OF THE TWO SOCIAL SYSTEMS AS WELL AS CERTAIN ASPECTS OF HIS MEETING WVM CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV. SEVERAL DANES TOLD ME AFTERWARDS HOW IMPRESSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY HAD BEEN BY WHAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAD SAID AND HOW FORTUNATE THEY WERE TO MEET HIM. ORLA MOLLER, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, PARTICULARLY COMMENTED ON THE CLARITY WITH WHICH THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAD CONTRASTED EASTERN AND WESTERN LEGAL CONCEPTS AND SYSTEMS.

5. IN SHORT, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WAS GRATEFUL THAT THE CHIEF

JUSTICE HAD TAKEN TIME TO VISIT COPENHAGEN AND TO SHARE SOME OF HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH LEADING DANES. I WISH PERSONALLY TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE FOR HIS VISIT WHICH, I BELIEVE, CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CLOSE AND CORDIAL EXCHANGE WHICH WE HAVE WITH DANISH LEADERS. DEAN

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